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"I am the resurrection and the life; whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?"

John 11:25, 26

EASTER

Easter Sunday

Reading I:	Acts of the Apostles	10:34a,37-43
Reading II:	Colossians	3:1-4
Gospel:	John	20:1-9

In today's first reading Peter proclaims: "God was with Jesus." God worked in and through Jesus. His very name, Jesus, means "God is our salvation." Thus we might ask ourselves: When we pray or act in the name of Jesus, what are we saying? Are we not saying that we believe in a God who works in us and in the Church too? Christian prayer is always in the name of Jesus. Praying in the name of Jesus does not necessarily mean that we understand all of what God is doing. Rather, it is an acclamation of faith and trust. It is an act of placing ourselves in God's hands rather than relying on ourselves alone. It is a statement of our intention and desire to enter into fuller union with the will of God. As individuals, and as a people, we move toward belief. It is always ahead of us. The Gospel makes it clear that the disciples did not understand the consequences of the resurrection of Jesus from the dead, yet they believed. Our task is to ponder the consequences for ourselves today.

Monday, April 9, 2012
7:00am William B Wombacher/The Wombacher Family
8:00am Marie Vonk 29th Anniv/Bernadean May & Family

Tuesday, April 10, 2012
7:00am Joseph Whalen/Carol Frank
8:00am Patrick Reilly/Len & Maureen Kuchan
9:00am Mary Tesar/The Schafer Family

Wednesday, April 11, 2012
7:00am Joe Broussard/Mark & Anne Lucas
8:00am T Joseph Varkey/The Joseph Family

Thursday, April 12, 2012
7:00am Robyn Arnold/Mary Stewart
8:00am Joanne Horan/Connie Fitzgerald
9:00am Bob Christian/William & Linda Polk

Friday, April 13, 2012
7:00am Arizona Ward
8:00am Donna Vonachen/Pete Vonachen

Saturday April 14, 2012
8:00am Betty England/Mark & Barbara Ruff
5:00am Mary Shumacher/The Vukov Family

Sunday, April 15, 2012
6:30am Benefactors of the Franciscan Sisters of St John the Baptist
8:00am Pete Page/Betty Arnold
9:30am Paul & Agnes Grawey/Gary & Michelle Kemmetmueller
11:00am Cecilia LaHood/Family
5:00 pm For the People

ST THOMAS SCHOOL & PARISH OFFICES will be closed Monday, April 9.

SENIOR CITIZENS Monday, April 9 at Maid Rite Metro Center at Noon. All seniors welcome!

CONTEMPLATIVE PRAYER GROUP Monday, April 9 at 7:00 pm.

ROSARY FOR PEACE Tuesday, April 10 at 10:00 am in the chapel.

NO BIBLE STUDY Tuesday, April 10 at 1:00 pm.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY Tuesday, April 10 at 7:00 pm in the parish office meeting room.

PTO Tuesday, April 10 at 7:00 pm in the school library.

NO BIBLE STUDY on Wednesday, April 11 at 8:45 am.

CCD Wednesday, April 11 at 6:15 pm in the school.

NO RCIA Wednesday, April 11.

ART FEST Friday, April 13 from 6:00 to 8:00 pm in the school. See all details on page 5 of this bulletin.

COUNT YOUR BLESSINGS RAFFLE Heading Avenue Franciscan Sisters will be selling raffle tickets next weekend after the Saturday 5:00 and Sunday morning Masses.

Our Sympathy

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED THIS WEEK:

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Where: Never Never Land—Notre Dame High School Auditorium

When: Friday, April 20—7:00 pm
Saturday, April 21—7:00 pm
Sunday, April 22—2:00 pm

Tickets sold at door or by calling St. Thomas School Office, 685-2533.

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"Touching Hearts" Prayer Pager Ministry

The Prayer Pager Ministry offers a tangible way for those in need of our prayers to know we remember and pray for them. Please pray for the requests listed below and then dial each phone number corresponding with each request. ***After the tone, press 111# and hang up****. Each time a call is completed, the pager will vibrate, telling the person holding the pager that someone has prayed for them. Each vibration will offer support, encouragement and hope. Please make this a daily part of your prayer life. Pagers are distributed from the Parish Offices. If you want one, please contact the Office, 688-3446.*

Please pray for:

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dial 1-312-760-1590, after the tone, 111#
Steve & Connie Gill
dial 1-312-760-0274, after the tone, 111#
Katherine Mathews
dial 1-312-760-0202, after the tone, 111#

These are local calls. You will not be charged for long distance.

Reminder

Parents of St. Thomas School Students: turn in your School Tool Box order forms by April 20. For questions, call Michelle Lowder at 256-9866 or Becky Crismore at 696-1001.

PLEASE PRAY FOR...

Please keep the men and women in the military in your prayers:

James Blanchard	*Ricardo DeLaCruz	*David Hodges
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*Jason Thyne	*Joshua Logan Stroot	

St. Thomas Food Pantry

Following is the suggested list of food items:

Spaghetti	Spaghetti Sauce	Rice
Canned Fruit	Pancake Mix	Jelly
Dry Beans	Pork & Beans	Cereal
Soup	Crackers	Syrup
Beef Stew	Canned Vegetables	Noodles
Peanut Butter	Mac & Cheese	Tuna
Paper Towels	Toilet Paper	Toothpaste
Instant Potatoes		

Thank you for your contributions to the Food Pantry.
We greatly appreciate your generosity.

SAVE THE DATES!!!!

Important events this Spring

- **Deaconate Ordination—John Nelson & Mark Kelsch**
  May 19/20, 2012

- **Msgr. Watson's 50th Anniversary Celebration**
  May 27, 2012

Senior Citizens

Will meet on Monday, April 9
12:00 noon

Metro Maid Rite

Save the Date

Friday, June 29th

GOLF OUTING
Golf at Pine Lakes
followed by Steak Dinner
at St Thomas

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2nd Annual
Peoria Notre Dame May Crowning Luncheon
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Tuesday May, 8, 2012

11:00am May Crowning,
Spalding Institute Chapel
11:30am Social/Luncheon/Dessert Auction,
Spalding Pastoral Center

Call Sharon Abraham for more information: 691-9531

In the Area

Catholic Women's League will have their Annual Meeting and Day of Reflection on Tuesday, April 10 at St. Vincent de Paul Church. Fr. Henderson will speak on the "Journey to the Cross" at 10:00 am. Lunch follows at 11:45 am. For reservation call 691-6967.

Heading Avenue Franciscan Sisters are selling Bergner's Community Days 2012 booklets through April 27 for their vocation funds. Call 674-2005. The Franciscan Sisters are also selling tickets for the $8,000 "Count Your Blessings" raffle to be drawn June 6, 2012. Call 674-2005 for more information.

Peoria Notre Dame High School

Dance Team Tryouts

April 16-19

Peoria Notre Dame Commons
6:30-8:30 pm

For questions, contact Val Schifeling
v.schifeling@pndhs.org

SPRING GARAGE SALE
April 26-28

Workers needed—whether you can help for a few hours or several days. Come help the parish and the many people who depend on our Sale. Your items, in Good condition, are needed. **Drop off begins Saturday, April 21st.** Please be sure appliances & electronics work or we can't sell them. TVs must be fairly recent. We give tax receipts. Call Carey or Ed at 693-0019 for information.

St. Thomas Website: stthomaspeoria.org
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Congratulations

RCIA

Pam Green

Jessie Lunini

Jeff Randolph

Jerry Suelter

Brent Harrison

Ken Owen

Kevin Williams

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Sierra Scoby

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Tim Wyman

Joyce Whitney

Thomas Blackaby

Claire Callanan

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Not Pictured

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At St. Thomas, we love the arts! Please set your calendars to help us celebrate the first ever St. Thomas Arts Fest! The Arts Fest will showcase the hard wor and many talents of our St. Thomas students. All members of the community ar encouraged to attend, so bring the whole family! You can even purchase pizza o gondolas at concessions for dinner. See the schedule below for more details!

Date: April 13, 2012
Time: 6 p.m. - 8 p.m.
Location:
4229 N. Monroe Ave.
Peoria Heights, IL

Tentative Schedule:

6:00-7:30 Spanish Displays
Picasso Cookies
Self-Guided Tours
Ancient Roman Exhibits

6:00-6:30 St. Thomas Choir

6:30-7:00 Spanish Presentations
Speech Presentations

7:00-7:30 Drama Performance

7:30- 8:00 Speech Presentations

7:30- 7:45 Beginner Band

7:45-8:00 Comet Band

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SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Baptism class is held for all parents before the baptism of their child. Please contact Sr. Rachel to schedule the class.
Next Baptisms: April 29 at 11:00 am Mass.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturdays: 4:00-4:45 pm & 7:00-8:00 pm
or by appointment with a priest
Confessions are held in the confessionals in the daily Mass Chapel

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